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Sensor Requirements Document (SRD)

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1 SCOPE

1.1 IDENTIFICATION

This Sensor Requirements Document (SRD) sets forth the requirements for a Global Positioning System Occultation Sensor (GPSOS) of the National Polar-orbiting Operational Environmental Satellite System (NPOESS).

1.2 SENSOR OVERVIEW

The GPSOS sensor must satisfy GPSOS requirements for: a) the GPSOS-assigned Environmental Data Records (EDRs), b) the on-orbit determination of position and time, and c) the ground-processed Precise Orbit Determination (POD). The GPSOS sensor makes observations of navigation signals from the Global ~~Positioning~~ System (GPS) ~~constellation~~ of ~~spacecraft~~.

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Two types of occultations are possible: ~~rising and setting~~. A ~~setting~~ occultation starts when the combined orbital motions of the NPOESS satellite and one of the GPS ~~being~~ tracked by the GPSOS sensor are such that the GPS, as viewed from NPOESS satellites, drops below the NPOESS local horizontal plane and ends when the GPS ~~satellite~~, as viewed from NPOESS, drops behind the Earth's limb. Setting occultations occur for GPS ~~satellites that are in the hemisphere behind the NPOESS satellite (anti-velocity direction)~~. A rising occultation is the inverse of a setting occultation. Rising occultations occur for GPS ~~satellites in the hemisphere in front of the NPOESS satellite~~. Both setting and rising occultations are to be tracked by the GPSOS sensor. Tracking of rising occultations requires that the GPSOS sensor be capable of rapidly locking on the GPS ~~signals as they appear from behind the Earth's limb~~.

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1.3 DOCUMENT OVERVIEW

This document contains all performance requirements for the sensor suite. This document also defines all sensor-spacecraft interfaces for the sensor suite. The contractor should use the document as the basis of a proposed sensor suite specification. The documentation listed in section 2.0 follows an approach of minimum specs and standards. The contractor may add to or revise the documents listed in section 2.0 in coordination with the government. The term "(TBD)" applied to a missing requirement means that the contractor should determine the missing requirement in coordination with the government. The term "(TBS)" means that the government will supply the missing information in the course of the contract. The term "(TBR)" means that the requirement is subject to review for appropriateness by the contractor or the government. The government may change "(TBR)" requirements in the course of the contract.

Appendix A contains a definition of the terms used throughout the document. Appendix B, NPOESS survivability requirements, is classified and, if applicable, will be made available after contract award. Appendix C is a Sensor Data Record Characteristics section presently TBR. Appendix D references the Technical Requirements Document

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Appendix D, which contains the NPOESS EDR requirements. Appendix E contains the RDRs and EDRs required for each Central and Field Terminal (TBR). Appendix F defines the acronyms and abbreviations used throughout the document. Appendix G describes Potential Pre-planned Product Improvements. Appendix H is the Verification Cross Reference Matrix (TBD).

1.3.1 CONFLICTS

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In the event of conflict between the referenced documents and the contents of this specification, the contents of this specification shall be the superseding requirements.

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In the event of a conflict involving the external interface requirements, or in the event of any other unresolved conflict, the contracting officer shall determine the order of precedence.

1.3.2 REQUIREMENT WEIGHTING FACTORS

The requirements stated in this specification are not of equal importance or weight. The following three paragraphs define the weighting factors incorporated in this specification.

- a. ***Shall*** designates the most important weighting level; that is, mandatory. Any deviations from these contractually imposed mandatory requirements require the approval of the contracting officer.
- b. ***Should*** designates requirements requested by the government and are not mandatory. Unless required by other contract provisions, noncompliance with the *should* requirements does not require approval of the contracting officer.
- d. ***Will*** designates the lowest weighting level. These *will* requirements designate the intent of the government and are often stated as examples of acceptable designs, items, and practices. Unless required by other contract provisions, noncompliance with the *will* requirements does not require approval of the contracting officer and does not require documented technical substantiation.

1.4 SYSTEM CLASSIFICATIONS N/A

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2 APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

2.1 GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

The following documents, of the exact issue shown, form a part of this SRD to the extent specified herein. SRDX1.3.1-1 provides guidance in the event of a conflict between the documents referenced herein and the contents of this specification. Changes to the document list in this section are (TBR).

SPECIFICATIONS:

Military

DOD-E-83578A May 96	General Specification for Explosive Ordnance for Space Vehicles
Mil-A-83577B Feb 88	Moving Mechanical Assemblies for Space Launch Vehicles
MIL-C-24308 Apr 97	General Specifications for Connectors, Electric, Rectangular, Non-Environmental, Miniature, Polarized Shell, Rack, and Panel
MIL-C-38999 Dec 97	Connectors, Receptacle, Electrical, Circular, Breakaway Wall Mounting Flange, Removable Crimp Contacts, Sockets, Series III, Shell Size 25, Metric

STANDARDS:

Federal

FED-STD-209E Sep 92	Airborne Particulate Cleanliness Classes in Cleanrooms and Clean Zones
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Military

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MIL-STD-462D Jan 93	Measurement of Electromagnetic Interference Characteristics
MIL-STD-975 Aug 94	NASA Standard Electrical, Electronic, and Electro-mechanical (EEE) Parts List, Revision M, 5 May 1998
MIL-STD-1540C Sep 94	Test Requirements for Launch, Upper Stage, and Space Vehicles

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MIL-STD-1553B Jan 96	Digital Time Division Command/Response Multiplex Data Bus

Department of Commerce/NOAA: None (TBR)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS:

Regulations

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EWB 127-1 31 Mar 95	Eastern and Western Range Safety Requirements

Handbooks None (TBR)

Bulletins None (TBR)

Other

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(Contractors requiring copies of specifications, standards, handbooks, drawings, and publications in connection with specified acquisition functions should obtain them from the contracting activity or as directed by the contracting officer.)

2.2 NONGOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

The following documents, of the exact issue shown, form a part of this SRD to the extent specified herein. SRDX1.3.1-1 provides guidance in the event of a conflict between the documents referenced herein and the contents of this specification. Changes to the document list in this section are (TBR).

SPECIFICATIONS: None (TBR)

STANDARDS:

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CCSDS 701.0-B-2 Dec 87	CCSDS Recommendations for Advanced Orbiting Systems, Networks and Data Links, Architectural Specification

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(ISO/DIS 14644-1)
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Standard (NAS) 411
Rev 2, 29 Apr 94

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2000 5/31/2000 Amendment 1~~

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Command/Response Multiplex Data Bus

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DRAWINGS: None (TBR)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS: None (TBR)

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STANDARDS:

ANSI STD X3.159- Programming Language-C (If C is used as a programming
1989 language, then this standard is applicable. Also standardized as the
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DOD 5200.28-STD Department of Defense Trusted Computer System
Mar 88 Evaluation Criteria

EIA/IEEE Standard for Information Technology, Software Life
J-STD-016 Cycle Processes, Software Development, Acquirer-
30 Sep 95 Supplier Agreement

MIL-STD-129M Marking for Shipment and Storage Notice 1, 15 Sep 89
1 Jun 93

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Aug 95 Notice 1

MIL-STD-882c System Safety Program Requirements
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MIL-STD-1522A May 84	Standard General Requirements for Safe Design and Operation of Pressurized Missile and Space Systems, Notice 2: 20 Nov 86; Notice 3: 4 Sep 92
MIL-STD-1542B Nov 91	Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) and Grounding Requirements for Space Systems Facilities
MIL-STD-1543B Oct 88	Reliability Program Requirements for Space and Launch Vehicles
MIL-STD-1547A Dec 92	Parts and Materials Program for Space and Launch Vehicles
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Department of Commerce

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S24.806 Jan 86	Software Development, Maintenance, and User Documentation, Revised Apr 94
S24.809 Dec 89	Grounding Standards

NASA

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MIL-HDBK-340 1 Jul 85	Application Guidelines for MIL-STD-1540B
DOD-W-83575 Jun 96	Gen Spec for Wiring Harness, Space Vehicle, Design and Testing
MIL-I-46058	Insulating Compound, Electrical (for Coating Printed Circuit Assemblies)
1985	Handbook of Geophysics and Space Environments
AFM 15-111 1 Sep 96	Surface Weather Observations

Bulletins

Other

TRD for NPOESS (current version)	Technical Requirements Document (TRD) for National Polar- Orbiting Operational Environmental Satellite System (NPOESS) Spacecraft Payloads
IRD for NPOESS (current version)	Interface Requirements Document (IRD) for National Polar-Orbiting Operational Environmental Satellite System (NPOESS) Spacecraft
IORD for NPOESS 28 Mar 96	Integrated Operational Requirements Document (IORD) for National Polar Orbiting Operational Environmental Satellite System (NPOESS) Spacecraft Payloads

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Attachment C S-480-80 Revised December 1994	AMSU-A Instrument Performance and Operation Specification (for the EOS/METSAT Integrated Programs); NASA GSFC
SYS/AMS/J0105/ BAE 03 Feb 1993	AMSU-B Instrument System Specification (British Aerospace)

(Technical society and technical association specifications and standards are generally available from reference libraries. They are also available in technical groups and using federal agencies. Contact the contracting officer regarding any referenced document not readily available from other sources.)

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3 SENSOR REQUIREMENTS

3.1 DEFINITION

3.1.1 SENSOR DESCRIPTION

The GPSOS sensor is one of several sensors under development by the Integrated Program Office (IPO) for utilization by the NPOESS. The GPSOS sensor provides real-time, on-orbit position and time, and acquires data to enable ground processing yielding precise orbit determination (POD), and occultation event phase/amplitude data to within the specifications listed below. This Sensor Requirement Document (SRD) for GPSOS defines the NPOESS GPSOS sensor requirements. The NPOESS constellation is planned to contain 3 satellites: 2 US built and 1 built by the European Organization for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites (EUMETSAT).

There will be approximately 2600 occultation events daily experienced by the NPOESS constellation using the GPS satellite signals. The GPSOS sensor measured occultation data will support determination of atmospheric vertical profiles of: a) ionospheric electron density, and b) tropospheric temperature, pressure, and moisture content.

3.1.1.1 General Sensor Characteristics

The separate GPSOS components must interface with the NPOESS satellite. There are several nadir viewing sensors on-board the satellite and the GPSOS sensors and antennas cannot interfere with other NPOESS mission requirements. There are additional concerns regarding potential multipath effects on the GPS signals attributable to the host satellite structure. The GPSOS antenna(s) design should minimize these multipath effects. Assuming a 0 dB antenna gain with GPS signals, the GPSOS receiver sensitivity requirement is estimated to be -130 dBm for Right Hand Circular Polarization (RHCP).

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Spurious multipath signals of Left Hand Circular Polarization (LHCP) shall not adversely effect sensor capability to meet EDR performance.

SRDG3.1.1.1-2

The GPSOS sensor developer shall work with the spacecraft contractor to determine the exact location(s) for the antenna(s).

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The GPSOS sensor provides sensor status or housekeeping data to the spacecraft for use in the downlink. The GPSOS sensor shall have the capability to internally measure power supply voltages and temperatures to 1% accuracy.

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The GPSOS sensor quality shall be sufficient to satisfy requirements for the determination of position, per SRDG3.2.1.1-1.

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The GPSOS sensor quality shall be sufficient to satisfy requirements for the determination of time, per SRDG3.2.1.1-2.

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The GPSOS sensor shall be able to operate automatically with “power on,” but also be able to be reconfigured by simple ground commands, e.g., redundancy commands, changes in sampling frequencies, etc.

SRDG3.1.1.1-8

Receiver data quality shall be sufficient to support troposphere/stratospheric occultation measurement analysis. The Navigation/POD and Troposphere/Stratosphere columns in Table 3.1.1.1 provide recommendations on receiver design needed to support this requirement.

SRDG3.1.1.1-9

The GPSOS sensor quality shall be sufficient to support the ground-based Precise Orbit Determination (POD) of sensor position and velocity with a positional uncertainty of 0.5 meters (each axis) and a velocity uncertainty of 0.5 millimeters per second (each axis).

SRDG3.1.1.1-10

The GPSOS receiver shall have the following minimum number of channels: 5-6 channels for navigation/POD plus 8 channels for GPS occultations. A single channel is defined as all observables associated with a single satellite at both L1 and L2 frequencies (GPS). It is noted that within the next 5-7 years, the GPS Block II F satellites may have an additional frequency; that is, L5 at approximately 1140 MHz. The GPSOS sensor should utilize this L5 capability when available to improve the delineation of the ionosphere refraction and navigational precision as a Preplanned Product Improvement (P3I) capability.

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The GPSOS sensor shall support single difference occultation processing. This requires a very low short-term clock drift specification (<10 mm in 50 seconds) and low phase noise close to the carrier (<0.10 degrees of phase uncertainty).

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The GPSOS shall provide four configurable sample rates (see Table 3.1.1.1) within each altitude range: a) Troposphere from 0 km to 20 km - configurable sample rate between 10-100 Hz; b) Middle atmosphere/E-region above 20 km to 150 km - configurable sample rate between 5-20 Hz; c) Ionosphere >150 km - sample rate configurable within the range of 0.5 to 5.0 Hz, (e.g., 0.5, 1.0, 2.0, & 5.0 Hz); and d) NAV data - configurable sampling rate range 1-300 seconds (e.g., 1,5,10,30,60, & 300 seconds).

SRDG3.1.1.1-13

The GPSOS shall be capable of removing the effects of Selective Availability meeting all specifications when Y-code is enabled.

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On a daily basis, > 98% (TBR) of the available occultation events (rising and setting for GPS) shall be measured; ~~that is, 98% (TBR) of the available occultation events within~~ plus or minus 180 (TBR) degrees of the satellite's velocity vector.

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The GPSOS shall have the ability to perform ~~on-orbit inter-frequency bias calibrations,~~ ~~hardware-induced absolute channel delay~~ ~~calibrations for each receiver channel,~~ and ~~inter-channel bias calibrations.~~

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GPSOS sensor software shall be 100% fully reprogrammable by command to the satellite from the ground. The boot strap loader resides in ROM.

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The GPSOS sensor memory shall be twice what is required to support the mission on Day #1.

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GPSOS sensor shall be able to maintain track on occulted **GPS** satellites ~~to within 5 km~~ above the Earth's limb (setting occultations) and acquire track within 10 km (rising occultations) above the Earth's limb with a > 90% probability.

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The GPSOS shall use the GPS ~~to perform its navigation function and to produce its~~ assigned set of Primary and Secondary EDRs.

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Table 3.1.1.1 Recommended GPSOS Sensor (Hardware) Characteristics

System Parameter	Navigation/POD	Electron Density Profile / TEC	Ionospheric Scintillation	Neutral Atmosphere
1. Sample Rate	1 Hz	5 Hz	100 Hz	≤100 Hz
2. Carrier Phase Precision (@ 1 Hz)	3 mm	3 mm	0.1 mm/s(L1) 0.4 mm/s (L2)	0.1 mm/s(L1) 0.4 mm/s (L2)
3. Systematic Carrier Phase Drift	0.1 mm/s	0.1 mm/s	0.1 mm/s	0.1 mm/s
4. Carrier Amplitude Stability (@ 60 s)	N/A	N/A	≤1 %	≤1 %
5. Carrier Amplitude Jitter (@ 20 ms)	N/A	N/A	≤2 %	≤2 %
6. Pseudorange Accuracy	≤0.5 m	≤0.5 m	N/A	N/A
7. Pseudorange Precision	≤0.5 m	≤0.3 m, differential L1-L2	N/A	N/A
8. Amplitude Precision	10 bits	12 bits	12 bits	12 bits
9. Oscillator Stability (@600 s)	N/A	N/A	N/A	10E-11 @ 600 s

3.1.2 SYSTEM SEGMENTS N/A

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3.1.3 SPECIFICATION TREE

Figure 3.1.3 shows a partial specification tree for the NPOESS System.

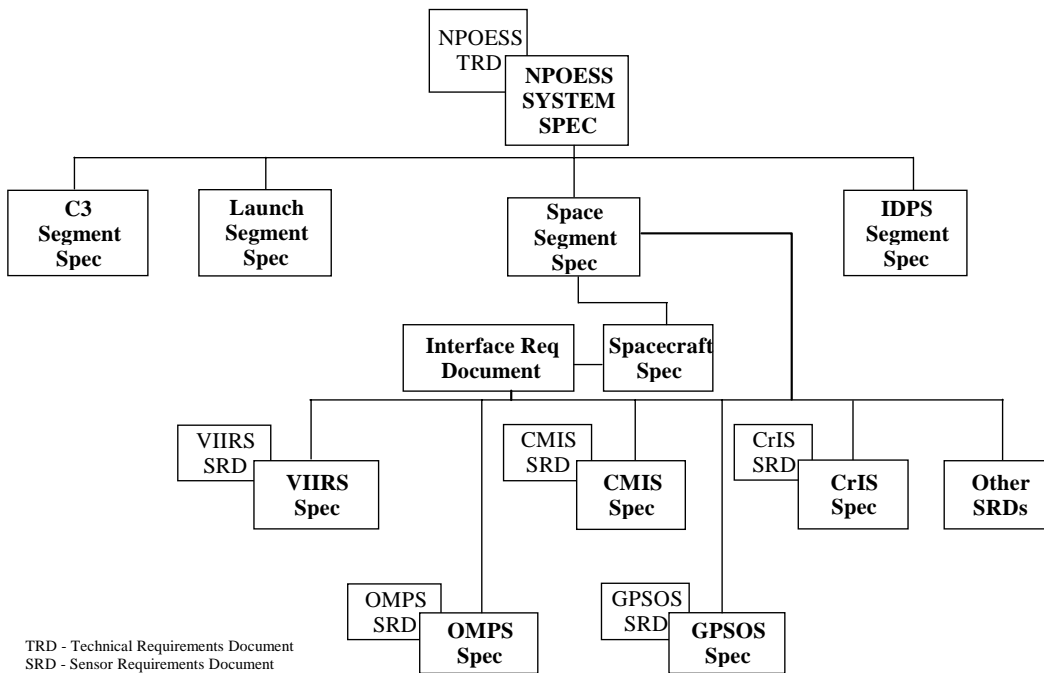


Figure 3.1.3 Partial Specification Tree

3.1.4 TOP-LEVEL SENSOR FUNCTIONS

See Section 3.1.6.2.

3.1.5 SENSOR MODES

3.1.5.1 Common Sensor Modes

3.1.5.1.1 Sensor Off Mode

SRDG3.1.5.1.1-1

In the sensor off mode, no power shall be supplied to the sensor.

3.1.5.1.2 Operational Mode

The sensor maintains operational modes as follows:

SRDG3.1.5.1.2-1

The sensor shall be in full functional configuration during this mode.

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SRDG3.1.5.1.2-2

Data collection - Mission and housekeeping data shall be collected.

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Calibration - Calibrations shall be done during regular operations.

3.1.5.1.3 Sensor Diagnostic Mode

SRDG3.1.5.1.3-1

Diagnostic mode shall include trouble shooting and software updates.

3.1.5.1.4 Sensor Safe Hold Mode

In the Safe Hold mode, health and status data are collected and transmitted. Mission and calibration data are not collected. Safe State - Most Components turned off, with survival heaters activated.

SRDG3.1.5.1.4-1

The Safe Hold Mode is a power conservation mode. The GPSOS sensor shall be commanded into this mode automatically by the spacecraft in the event the satellite enters an anomalous configuration or orientation as determined by the satellite computer. A power subsystem anomaly is such an event.

The C&DH will issue power conservation re-configuration commands to the sensors via the data bus that will place the sensor in a safe configuration. The return to the Operational Mode requires ground intervention.

3.1.5.2 GPSOS Sensor Specific Modes

SRDG3.1.5.2-1

The GPSOS shall provide determinations of position and time, per SRDG3.2.1.1-1 and SRDG3.2.1.1-2, in the sensor Operational Mode.

3.1.5.3 Payload Mode Documentation

SRDG3.1.5.3-1

The sensor ICD shall define Payload (Sensor) modes.

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The ICD SAFE shall define Mode re-configuration commands.

3.1.6 OPERATIONAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL CONCEPT

3.1.6.1 Launch Operations Concept

3.1.6.1.1 Pre-launch

The satellite will be transported directly to the launch base for final vehicle preparations and checkout. Final inter-segment and launch system verification tests will be accomplished prior to launch.

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The GPSOS sensors will be delivered and integrated onto the specified satellite platforms.

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During integration, various GPSOS verification tests are required. The GPSOS sensor shall provide data interface and sensor diagnostics as described in Section 3.1.1.1. The satellite will be transported directly to the launch base where final vehicle preparations and checkout will be accomplished. Final inter-segment and launch system verification tests will be accomplished prior to launch.

3.1.6.1.2 Launch

The GPSOS sensor will be turned on as soon as is practical to assist in the satellite early orbit tracking and provide ephemeris data.

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After insertion into its operational orbit and separation from the launch vehicle, appropriate deployments shall be initiated by memory command. Early orbit check-out will be conducted at the NPOESS primary SOC in Suitland, MD.

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3.1.6.2 On-orbit Operational Concept

3.1.6.2.1 Overview

The NPOESS satellite will operate in a near circular, sun-synchronous orbit. The nominal orbit for the satellite is 833 km altitude, 98.7 degree inclination. The orbit will be a “precise” orbit (i.e., altitude maintained to ± 17 TBR km, ± 0.05 (TBR) degrees inclination, nodal crossing times maintained to ± 10 minutes throughout the mission lifetime) to minimize orbital drift (precession). NPOESS must be capable of flying at any equatorial node crossing time. However, the nominal configuration is with the satellite orbits equally spaced, with 0530 and 1330 nodal crossing times for the U.S. Government satellites and 2130 for the METOP satellite.

The satellite will only be flown in orbits that keep sunlight off of the cold space side of the spacecraft. Because of natural variations in the orbit, the 10 minute nodal crossing time constraint, and variations in the solar illumination of the satellite, this will preclude the spacecraft from flying in orbits within about 30 (TBR on satellite contractor) minutes of noon.

SRDG3.1.6.2.1-1 Specified EDR performance shall be obtained for any of the orbits described in paragraph 3.1.6.2.1, except for orbits within about 30 (TBR on satellite contractor) minutes of noon.

3.1.6.2.2 On-orbit Tests

The initial on-orbit period is devoted to a complete satellite checkout and the calibration and performance verifications of the payload(s). The satellite and payload performance verification tests may be repeated at appropriate times during the operational phase of the mission.

3.1.6.2.3 Operations

SRDG3.1.6.2.3-1

The GPSOS sensor shall be capable of operating for 21 days with a goal up to 60 days without additional commands.

SRDG3.1.6.2.3-2

~~The GPSOS shall be capable of variable sample rates dependent on the altitude of the GPS signal path above the Earth's surface (the "ray tangent altitude") and the measurement parameter. The GPSOS sensor sample rates should be as follows: a) troposphere – surface to 20 km @ 10-100 Hz; b) stratosphere to E region ionosphere – 20 to 150 km @ 5-20 Hz; c) ionosphere – 150 to 1000 km @ 0.5 to 5.0 Hz; d) ionospheric scintillation – 150 – 700 km @ 100 – 1000 Hz; and e) navigation @ 1.0 - 0.03 Hz. Data for these distinct functions is used in different ways during ground processing to produce different products as described below.~~

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With the exception of the scintillation parameters, processing of the GPSOS data into Environmental Data Records (EDRs) is performed on the ground. Two classes of EDRs are derived from the GPSOS data: tropospheric/stratospheric and ionospheric. Both classes of EDR shall be produced in near real-time (i.e., within 20 minutes of receipt of the data at the Central or Tactical site). The GPSOS sensor contractor is responsible for producing EDRs from the GPSOS sensor RDRs.

SRDG3.1.6.2.3-5

When observing an occultation, the GPSOS shall simultaneously select and track a non-occulted reference satellite at the same higher rate as the occulted satellite.

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The GPSOS sensor vendor shall specify the accuracy to which the sensor antenna position(s) must be known within the spacecraft reference frame to support the GPSOS mission.

In addition, an accurate map of antenna amplitude and phase as a function of look angle are known. With the high accuracy ephemerides of all satellites known, it is then possible to remove the orbital motion induced contribution to the signal Doppler and determine the atmospheric contribution. The atmospherically induced Doppler is related to the amount of bending of the ray path between NPOESS and the occulted satellite. The bending, after a dual frequency correction for the effects of the ionosphere along the ray path, is in turn related to the atmospheric refractivity profile. This profile will be

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Calculation of tropospheric/stratospheric EDRs (i.e., atmospheric temperature and water vapor profiles) involves determination of the atmospheric contribution to the observed GPS/GLONASS signal Doppler. However, prior to this determination, the observed signals are corrected for any clock errors associated with the GPSOS reference oscillator or the GPS/GLONASS satellite clocks. Clock errors within GPSOS are removed by use of a reference satellite.¶

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This allows the use of the single-differencing data processing technique to correct GPSOS clock errors during ground processing. Clock errors in the GPS/GLONASS satellites are of one of two types: slow drift in the on-board atomic clocks (present for both GPS and GLONASS) and the intentionally induced errors associated with selective availability (GPS only). Apart from the effects of Selective Availability (S/A), the GPS and GLONASS satellite clocks are believed to be stable enough to allow accurate determination of EDRs without any corrections. With regard to the errors induced by S/A, other occultation sensors, i.e., GPS/MET has used data from ground-based GPS receivers in a double-differencing scheme to make the needed corrections.¶

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obtained by applying the appropriate data inversion scientific algorithms. The refractivity profiles may be converted into atmospheric temperature and water vapor profiles.

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In addition to vertical electron density profiles, the GPSOS data shall also be used to produce observations of the total electron content (TEC) above the NPOESS satellite. Data from non-occulted satellites is used for this purpose.

SRDG3.1.6.2.3-8

The GPSOS shall be capable of providing sensor data of sufficient accuracy to support the ground-processed Precise Orbit Determination (POD), per SRDG3.1.1.1-9.

3.1.6.2.4 GPSOS Sensor Checkout and Diagnostics

SRDG3.1.6.2.4-1

The GPSOS shall be capable of exercising sensor checkout and diagnostic functions via the Command & Telemetry (C&T) data bus. The sensor vendor is permitted to have other sensor test points to verify sensor performance prior to spacecraft integration. The sensor vendor is cautioned, however, that electrical access to the GPSOS during and following integration is generally not permitted.

SRDG3.1.6.2.4-2

During flight operations the mission controllers shall be able to monitor the GPSOS sensor status and functions. For all diagnostic GPSOS sensor parameters are identified as well as specification of parameter range tolerances, sensor anomalies, fault diagnostics, and failure modes. The GPSOS sensor operates with “power on”, but also be reconfigurable by simple ground commands, e.g., redundancy commands, changes in sampling frequencies, etc.

3.1.6.2.5 GPSOS Contractor Responsibilities

The GPSOS sensor contractor is responsible for the following elements of the GPSOS system:

SRDG3.1.6.2.5-1

The GPSOS sensor contractor shall be responsible for the GPSOS spaceflight hardware and software.

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The GPSOS sensor contractor shall be responsible for the calibration of the GPSOS receiver and antenna(s).

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Determination of electron density profiles and slant path Total Electron Content (TEC) from GPSOS data should involve one of two techniques, or some combination thereof. A single frequency method based on ray path bending is possible which involves considerations similar to those described above for the troposphere/stratosphere (correction of clock errors and subtraction of geometric Doppler). Alternately, a dual frequency scientific algorithm exists whereby line-of-sight TEC observations obtained from the differential pseudorange and phase are converted into a vertical electron density profile. Occultations which occur off to the side of the NPOESS satellite (out-of-track occultations) provide useful information for NPOESS end users, but can not be processed into vertical electron density profiles due to the substantial change in tangent point location during the occultation. Slant path TEC observations from these types of occultations should be produced as part of the GPSOS ground processing. Accurate measurement of TEC requires knowledge of the inter-frequency bias of both the GPSOS receiver and the transmitters on the GPS and GLONASS satellites.¶

SRDG3.1.6.2.5-3

The GPSOS sensor vendor shall be responsible for the ground-based verification of sensor performance and acceptable multipath rejection prior to sensor delivery.

SRDG3.1.6.2.5-4

The GPSOS sensor vendor shall be responsible for the scientific algorithms for processing the primary EDRs. At the government's option, these algorithms are to be used in the NPOESS Integrated Data Processing Segment (IDPS).

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The GPSOS sensor vendor shall specify the ground-based scientific algorithm(s) which satisfy the POD requirements, per SRDG3.1.1.1-9, when applied to the GPSOS data.

SRDG3.1.6.2.5-6

The GPSOS sensor contractor shall identify and demonstrate the following elements of the GPSOS system:

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- 1) Ground processing software and auxiliary ground data sources needed to convert SDRs into ionospheric, troposphere, and stratospheric EDRs.
- 2) Each GPSOS sensor identifies itself with a unique serial number and ROM code version number every time it boots.

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3.2 SENSOR CHARACTERISTICS

3.2.1 PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

3.2.1.1 Performance Requirements

SDRG3.2.1.1-1

The GPSOS shall provide, once per second, an on-orbit determination of sensor position within the World Geodetic System (WGS-84) with an rms uncertainty of 25/25/25 meters for the radial/in-track/cross-track components, respectively, and referenced to the GPSOS Time (GT), per SRDG3.2.1.1-2.

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The GPSOS shall provide, once per second, an on-orbit determination of GPSOS Time (GT) within the Universal Time Coordinated (UTC) reference having an absolute correlation of time of 1 microsecond or better. UTC(USNO), kept by the U.S. Naval Observatory, is the standard time reference. As an objective, the GPSOS should provide a time reference capable of an absolute correlation of time to 100 nanoseconds.

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3.2.1.1.1 GPSOS Environmental Primary Vs Secondary EDRs

Definitions of “primary” and “secondary” EDRs appear in the glossary and are replicated below.

The GPSOS SRD levies on the GPSOS contractor only those EDR attributes for which the sensor has primary EDR scientific algorithm responsibility (primary EDR). Requirements for the sensor to provide data as a secondary input to an EDR scientific algorithm assigned to another sensor (secondary EDR) are (TBR) and will be established 60 days prior to SRR. Though not yet specified as requirements, the secondary EDRs are listed in the SRD to encourage investigation of secondary EDR capabilities in the GPSOS sensor design. Note also that the GPSOS sensor contractor identifies specifications for any data required from other sources in order to meet the attribute requirements of the primary EDR assigned to the GPSOS sensor.

3.2.1.1.1.1 Definition - Primary EDR

EDR attributes for which a sensor contractor has been assigned primary sensor and scientific algorithm development responsibility. The scientific algorithm may or may not require the use of additional data from other than the primary sensor.

3.2.1.1.1.2 Definition - Secondary EDR

EDR attributes for which a sensor may provide data as a secondary input to an EDR scientific algorithm assigned as a primary EDR to another sensor contractor.

3.2.1.1.2 EDR Requirements

SRDG3.2.1.1.2-1

The environmental data records (EDRs) shall meet the requirements specified in this GPSOS SRD.

SRDG3.2.1.1.2-2

The primary EDRs shall meet the threshold levels as a minimum.

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The modifications and clarifications of EDR requirements in this section shall take precedence over any conflicting requirements or statements in Appendix D of the TRD, and the IORD.

3.2.1.1.2.1 Requirements Format

EDR requirements are specified by a general definition of the required data content, the units for the reported data, and a set of attributes. These attributes fall into four categories: (1) those that further define data content in a precise, quantitative manner, (2) those that constrain the quality of the data to be provided, (3) those that constrain the reporting frequency for the EDR, and (4) the timeliness of EDR delivery to users. The attributes addressing data content are horizontal and vertical cell size, horizontal and vertical reporting interval, and horizontal and vertical coverage. The attributes

addressing data quality are measurement uncertainty, measurement accuracy, measurement precision,

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long term stability, and mapping uncertainty. The primary attributes addressing reporting frequency are maximum local average revisit time and maximum local refresh. All of these attributes apply to data products, not to sensor performance characteristics, and are defined in the Glossary. The EDR requirements format is to address the data content attributes first, then the data quality attributes, and finally the reporting frequency attributes. The timeliness requirement is the same for all EDRs, and is specified as a global requirement. General EDR requirements fall into two classes: (a) explicit requirements on the EDR content, quality, refresh, and timeliness, and (b) requirements to be derived by the contractor based on requirements for other EDRs. The explicit and application-related requirements are specified below.

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If a derived requirement conflicts with an explicit requirement and/or another derived requirement, the most stringent requirement shall be satisfied.

3.2.1.1.2.2 Attribute Values

SDRG3.2.1.1.2.2-1

Unless otherwise specified, attribute values shall be interpreted as upper bounds anywhere in the area where measurements are obtained, including the edge of the measuring sensor field of regard. A threshold or objective is “met” or “satisfied” if the system performance value is less than or equal to the specified value.

3.2.1.1.2.3 Attribute Values Expressed as Percentages

Unless otherwise specified, a percentage appearing as a value for an attribute is to be interpreted as the percentage of the true value of the attribute. For any attribute where a percentage and a numerical value are specified, the greater of the two is the requirement.

3.2.1.1.2.4 Vertical Height

Vertical height is measured either by atmospheric pressure or by height above the Earth’s surface. A value of zero km for height refers to the Earth’s surface. Negative values of height refer to depth below the Earth’s surface (land or water).

3.2.1.1.3 GPSOS EDRs

The attribute numbering is consistent with Appendix D of the TRD, except for the preface letter which indicates it is a unique requirement in this GPSOS SRD. Any difference in these GPSOS SRD attributes take precedence over Appendix D values as they reflect an intentional requirements allocation to this sensor.

3.2.1.1.3.1 Primary GPSOS EDRs

3.2.1.1.3.1.1 Electron Density Profiles/Ionospheric Specification

The ionosphere is that portion of the Earth's upper atmosphere which is composed of electrically charged particles (electrons and various ions). A complete vertical electron density profile would extend from the D and E regions at altitudes between 60 and 150 km, through the F region within which the electron density reaches a maximum value

nominally between altitudes of 250-350 km, through the topside up to 3,000 km, and into the plasmasphere. The Air Force requires global ionospheric specification to meet a number of operational needs. Electron density profile measurements, to include measurements of various important parameters associated with a complete profile, are required as inputs to and to augment the outputs of operational ionospheric models. The GPSOS sensor data will be used to produce slant path (NPOESS to GPS satellite) total electron content (TEC) measurements for all occultation events. In addition, for occultation events which occur in viewing directions close to the spacecraft orbit, the GPSOS sensor data will be used to produce vertical electron density profiles for altitudes below the NPOESS altitude. Profile measurements above the NPOESS altitude are not required. However, the GPSOS sensor data from non-occluding satellites will be used to produce slant path TEC observations of the topside/plasmasphere.

Units:

Electron density: cm^{-3}

HmF2: km

TEC: $10^{16}/\text{m}^2 = 1 \text{ TEC unit}$

Para. No.		Thresholds	Objectives
G40.8.5-1	a. Horizontal Reporting Interval	<u>1000 km</u>	<u>1000 km</u>
	b. Vertical Reporting Interval (EDP)		
<u>G40.8.5-2</u>	<u>1. <500 km altitude</u>	<u>10 km</u>	<u>3 km</u>
<u>G40.8.5-16</u>	<u>2. >500 km altitude</u>	<u>20 km</u>	<u>5 km</u>
	c. Horizontal Cell Size		
G40.8.5-3	1. 0-30° latitude	<u>400 km</u>	100 km
G40.8.5-4	2. 30-50° latitude	<u>400 km</u>	250 km
G40.8.5-5	3. 50-90° latitude	<u>400 km</u>	50 km
	d. Vertical Cell Size (EDP)		
<u>G40.8.5-6</u>	<u>1. <500 km altitude</u>	<u>10 km</u>	<u>3 km</u>
<u>G40.8.5-17</u>	<u>2. >500 km altitude</u>	<u>20 km</u>	<u>5 km</u>
G40.8.5-7	e. Horizontal Coverage	<u>Global</u>	<u>Global</u>
G40.8.5-8	f. Vertical Coverage (EDP)	<u>90 -to- 800 km</u>	<u>90 -to- 1600 km</u>
	g. Measurement Range		
G40.8.5-9	1. <u>EDP</u>	<u>3×10^4 -to- 10^7 cm^{-3}</u>	<u>10^4 -to- 10^7 cm^{-3}</u>
G40.8.5-10	2. Slant path TEC	3-1000 TEC <u>U</u>	1-1000 TEC <u>U</u>
	h. Measurement Uncertainty		
G40.8.5-11	1. <u>EDP</u>	<u>Max{20%, $3 \times 10^5 \text{ cm}^{-3}$}</u>	<u>Max{5%, 10^4 cm^{-3}}</u>
G40.8.5-12	2. <u>H_mF₂</u>	20 km	5 km
G40.8.5-13	3. <u>H_mE</u>	<u>10 km</u>	<u>5 km</u>
G40.8.5-14	4. Slant path TEC	3 TEC <u>U</u>	1 TEC <u>U</u>
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3.2.1.1.3.1.2 Ionospheric Scintillation

Temporal and spatial fluctuations in ionospheric electron density lead to fading or disruption of trans-ionospheric communication and radar signals, a phenomenon known as scintillation. The extent of the effect depends on the relative motion of the ionosphere and the signal source, the frequency of transmission, and the amplitude and spectral characteristics of the ionospheric fluctuations. Direct measurements of scintillation in terms of amplitude and phase fluctuation indices S_4 and σ_ϕ are required. Spectral analysis of amplitude and phase measurements is desirable as well.

Units:

S_4 : Dimensionless

σ_ϕ : radians

Para. No.		Thresholds	Objectives
G40.8.11-1	a. Horizontal Cell Size	Deleted	Deleted
G40.8.11-2	b. Horizontal Coverage	Global	Global
	c. Measurement Range		
G40.8.11-3	1. S_4	0.1-1.5	0.1-1.5
G40.8.11-4	2. σ_ϕ (radians)	0.1-20	0.1-20
G40.8.11-8	3. GPS channels	L1	L1 & L2
G40.8.11-9	4. Sample rate (Hz)	100	1000
	d. Measurement Precision		
G40.8.11-5	1. S_4	0.1	0.1
G40.8.11-6	2. σ_ϕ (radians)	0.1	0.1
G40.8.11-7	e. Local Time Range (hours of day)	0-24	0-24
G40.8.11-10	f. Vertical Coverage (km)	150 – 700	90 – 800

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3.2.1.1.3.2 Secondary GPSOS EDRs

GPSOS secondary EDR requirements are EDR attributes for which a sensor may provide data as a secondary input to an EDR scientific algorithm assigned as a primary EDR to another sensor contractor. These EDRs are regarded as secondary because the scientific algorithms and the inter-relationship to other NPOESS sensors are TBS items. Following is a listing of secondary EDRs for the GPSOS:

- A. Atmospheric Vertical Moisture Profile
- B. Atmospheric Vertical Temperature Profile
- C. Precipitable Water
- D. Pressure Profile

3.2.1.1.3.3 Multiple Sensor Requirements

3.2.1.1.3.3-1

The GPSOS sensor contractor shall identify any constraints on the relationships between the GPSOS and other co-located satellite sensors that are entailed by the contractor's algorithms for GPSOS primary EDRs. Such constraints might include, for example, relative pointing knowledge, relative pointing accuracy, and synchronization. Based on

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this information and the corresponding information from other sensor development contractors, the government may impose modified or additional requirements on the GPSOS sensor and/or other sensor suites.

3.2.1.1.4 RDR Requirements

Because RDRs are processed into EDRs, RDRs are considered to have met their requirements when they are of an appropriate format, completeness, and quality to be adequately processed into their associated EDRs.

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The GPSOS contractor shall be responsible for generating operational RDRs.

3.2.1.1.5 Not used.

3.2.1.1.6 Scientific Algorithms

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The Contractor shall provide an Algorithm Theoretical Basis Document (ATBD) for the assigned set of Primary EDRs. ATBDs provide the physical theory and assumptions behind the EDRs, as well as the mathematical procedures required to produce the RDRs, convert the RDRs into the SDRs, and convert the SDRs into the EDRs. The ATBD includes limitations on the approach, accuracy considerations, additional information required for measurement processing (mandatory and desirable), and alternative processing approaches required under alternative measurement situations (e.g., daytime and nighttime observations).

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The Contractor shall provide research grade source code implementing the algorithm(s) described in the ATBD that address the primary EDRs. The research grade code should include all processes, other than input/output, needed to: convert RDRs into SDRs; convert SDRs into EDRs; use all mandatory outside data; use any optional outside data, if available; select alternative processing algorithms based on the data available; provide continuing calibration validation; and any other similar processing tasks required to satisfy allocated EDR quality and availability requirements. The scientific algorithms provided by the contractor may be adopted or adapted from existing algorithms, or developed, as needed.

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The Contractor shall specify any auxiliary data required or recommended to convert the RDRs into the EDRs for the assigned set of Primary EDRs and identify qualified sources. Auxiliary data sources may include other NPOESS sensor RDRs, SDRs, EDRs, archival data, and other non-NPOESS data, as available.

3.2.1.1.7 Scientific Algorithm Convertibility to Operational Code

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The scientific SDR and EDR algorithms delivered by the GPSOS contractor shall be convertible into operational code that is compatible with a 20 minute maximum processing time at either the DoD Centrals or DoD field terminals for the conversion of all pertinent RDRs into all required EDRs for the site or terminal. The intent of this requirement is to preclude scientific algorithms that are so computationally intensive that any foreseeable implementation would stress or exceed the time available for delivery of EDRs in an operational environment.

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3.2.1.1.8 GPSOS Interface to GPS Satellites

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The GPSOS shall demonstrate compatibility with the GPS (GPS ICD 200) to the extent required for the GPSOS to perform its navigation function and to produce its assigned set of Primary and Secondary EDRs.

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3.2.1.2 Sensor Calibration , See Section 3.1.1.1

3.2.1.3 Data Access

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The GPSOS shall provide to the Command and Telemetry (C&T) data bus, per SRDX3.2.4.8.2.1-1, the determination of position and time, per SRDG3.2.1.1-1 and SRDG3.2.1.1-2, respectively.

3.2.1.4 Data Format

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For NPOESS satellites, the sensor shall conform to the Consultative Committee for Space Data Systems (CCSDS) packetization per the (TBS) real-time interface specification and the (TBS) stored-data interface specification.

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If data compression techniques are used in stored data retrieval, the compression shall be lossless.

3.2.2 SENSOR CAPABILITY RELATIONSHIPS

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3.2.3 INTERFACE REQUIREMENTS

The GPSOS interface requirements include the NPOESS spacecraft. ~~GPSOS interfaces to the GPS~~ are described in Section 3.2.1.1.8.

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The GPSOS shall be compatible with and interface to the NPOESS spacecraft (TBR).

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The system interfaces relevant to the sensors are depicted in Figure 3.2.3 below.

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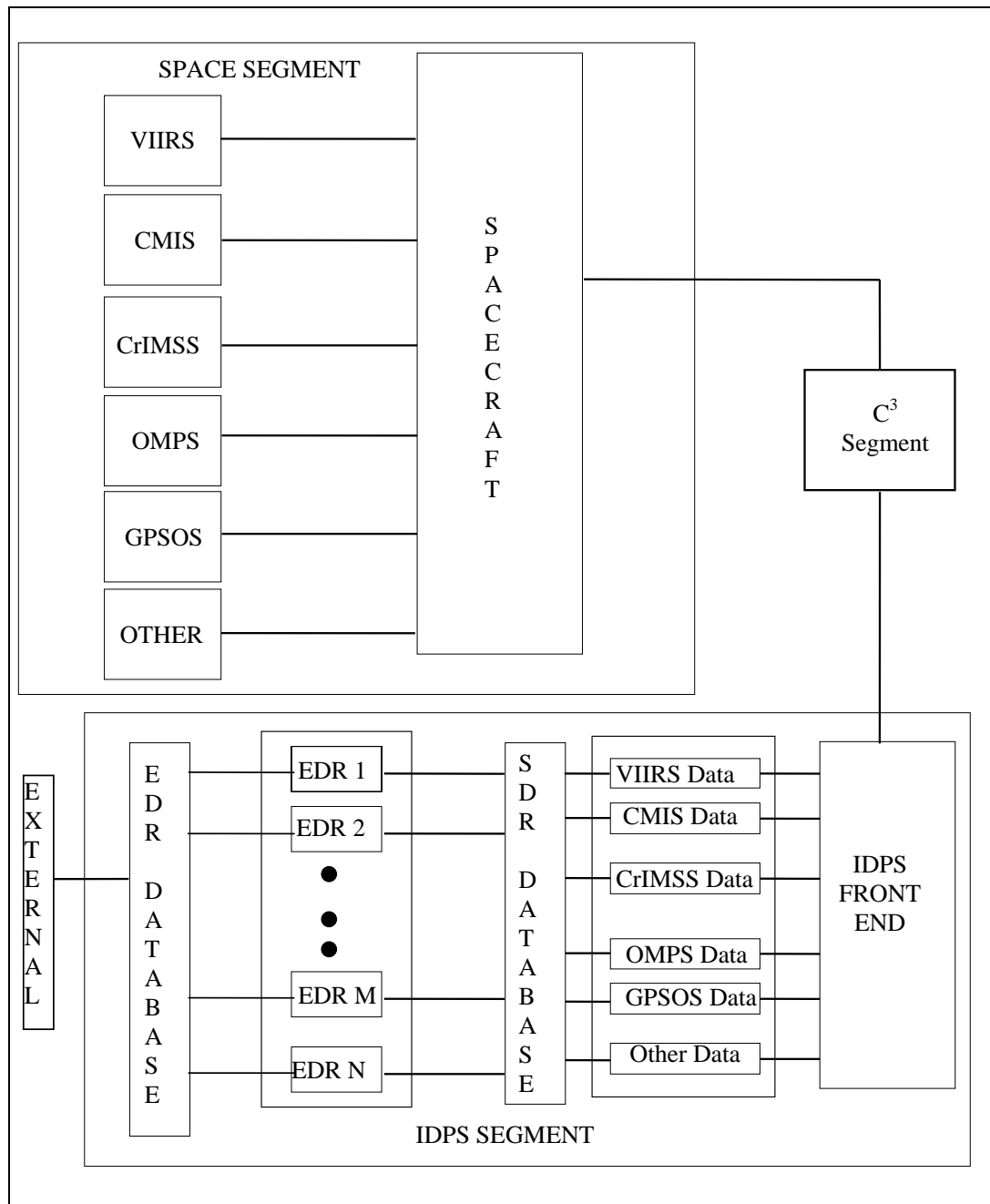


Figure 3.2.3 Partial System Internal Interfaces

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3.2.4 PHYSICAL AND INTERFACE CHARACTERISTICS

The mass, average power, volume, and data rate budgets for the GPSOS are provided herein. These values are the maximums allowed and include margin. Contractors are advised that any relaxation from these stated values will only be considered if the changes are consistent with the NPOESS program requirements to accommodate the full NPOESS payload suite of instruments on a spacecraft which can be placed into a nominal 833 Km orbit by an EELV class launch vehicle. The spacecraft-to-sensor interface requirements are broken down into four primary groups: mechanical, power, data, and thermal. A notional diagram of the top-level functional interfaces for any sensor is shown in Figure 3.2.4. In addition, environmental, software, testing, contamination, launch environment, and safety requirements are defined.

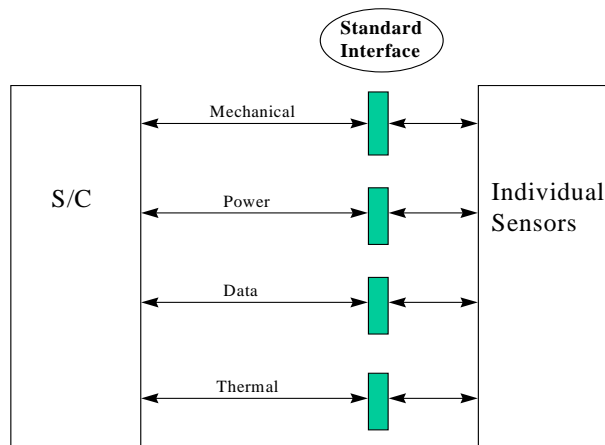


Figure 3.2.4. Notional Spacecraft-To-Sensor Functional Interfaces.

The following constraints are based on initial allocations from the NPOESS notional baseline. These constraints are expected to be further refined during the initial contract efforts. The following numbers include all margins assigned to the GPSOS sensor.

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The GPSOS sensor shall have a mass less than or equal to 30 kg.

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The GPSOS sensor shall have an average operating power less than or equal to 52 watts.

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The GPSOS sensor shall have a total stowed volume of less than or equal to 40,000 cm³ and a maximum footprint (stowed dimensions) for any single box of less than 760 cm², excluding antenna(s) and cabling. The sensor vendor should work with the integrating contractor, through the IPO, to accommodate the GPSOS, its antenna(s) and cabling.

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The GPSOS shall have a peak data rate less than or equal to 200 kbps.

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This allows the use of the single-differencing data processing technique to correct GPSOS clock errors during ground processing. Clock errors in the GPS/GLONASS satellites are of one of two types: slow drift in the on-board atomic clocks (present for both GPS and GLONASS) and the intentionally induced errors associated with selective availability (GPS only). Apart from the effects of Selective Availability (S/A), the GPS and GLONASS satellite clocks are believed to be stable enough to allow accurate determination of EDRs without any corrections. With regard to the errors induced by S/A, other occultation sensors, i.e., GPS/MET has used data from ground-based GPS receivers in a double-differencing scheme to make the needed corrections.

Given the observations after correction for clock errors, the atmospherically induced Doppler is determined by subtracting the Doppler due to relative GPS/GLONASS-NPOESS satellite motion from the observed Doppler. Determining the Doppler due to satellite motions in turn requires high precision orbit determination for both GPS/GLONASS satellites and for NPOESS. High accuracy GPS and GLONASS ephemerides are obtained on the ground through processing of data from ground-based (non-NPOESS) GPS and GLONASS receivers, i.e., the IGS system. The high accuracy GPS/GLONASS ephemerides are then used together with GPSOS observations of non-occulted satellites to determine the high accuracy ephemeris for NPOESS.